

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice, to reduce the claims fees. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application.

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

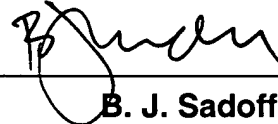
Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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